THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) With an objective to harness the facilities available in non-formal sector of Computer Training to generate quality manpower, the DOEACC Society, an autonomous body under the administrative control of Department of Information Technology (DIT) is implementing a scheme for IT education and training. The scheme consists of four level of courses *viz.*, 'O', 'A', 'B' and 'C' levels. Under the scheme, computer training institutions in the non-formal sector meeting the well defined norms and criteria are accredited to conduct DOEACC courses. The list of institutes authorised to conduct DOEACC courses are made available on the website of the society for the benefit of the students desirous of pursuing DOEACC courses.

The DOEACC scheme is voluntary in nature and the institutes in the non-formal sector are free to seek DOEACC accreditation. The DOEACC accredited institutes are regularly monitored by the DOEACC Society for availability of the faculty, infrastructure, library, teaching aids, etc. on a continual basis, to ensure quality IT education and to keep check on the institutes authorized by it for conducting its courses.

According to Department of IT whenever a situation of closure of the institution or withdrawal of the accreditation of an institution arises, it is ensured that the candidates already enrolled are able to complete their respective courses.

Policy for Women's Rights

3288. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have framed a National Policy with the objective of ensuring women their rightful place by empowering them as agents of the socio-economic changes and developments; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government approved/adopted in March, 201 a policy in this regard, called the National Policy for the Empowerment of Women, 2001. The goal of this Policy is to bring about the advancement, development and

empowerment of women in all spheres. The Policy has been widely disseminated and is also hosted on the website of the Department of Women & Child Development.

Central Universities status to Sampurnanand Sanskrit University

†3289. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to accord Central University status to Sampurnanand Sanskrit University engaged in the development of Sanskrit language; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Suspension of recognition of I.I.Ts.

†3290. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have suspended the recognition granted to the I.I.T. at Kashi Hindu Vishwavidyalaya alongwith the I.I.Ts. of other five institutions; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) There is no I.I.T. at Kashi Hindu Vishwavidyalaya nor was it ever recognized as an I.I.T. The Government have not suspended the recognition of any of the existing seven IITs at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kanpur, Kharagpur, Roorkee & Guwahati.

Macaulay education system

†3291. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.